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The armoured cruiser Kent will be paid off at Portsmouth today, says the "Standard" of 19th inst., after nearly ten years of continuous service, and will be taken into dockyard hands for an extensive refit. Laid down at Portsmouth in February, 1900, the Kent was completed in 1903 as a cost of £700,000, and commissioned in October of that year for service in the Cruiser Squadron. In January, 1906, she was detailed to replace the armoured cruiser Hogue on the China station, and has served there continuously ever since. Four other ships of the same class are also down for large refits—the Donegal, Cumberland, Essex, and Monmouth.

No vessel has been detailed to replace the Kent on the China station, and it is also to be noted that the Monmouth is to be withdrawn from those waters to join the Fourth Cruiser Squadron when that force takes up its new base at Bermuda. Their withdrawal from the Far East will leave only two armoured vessels of the British Navy in those waters—the Minotaur (14,600 tons, four 9.2-inch and ten 7.5-inch guns), and the Hampshire (10,850 tons, four 7.5-inch and six 6-inch guns). In 1905 we had five first-class battleships and two armoured cruisers of 12,000 tons on the China station.

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"If women could but be induced to lavish on babies the care they now lavish on dogs, there would be no Poor Law children's problem to solve," I was told the other day, in reply to a timid suggestion as to how that problem might, perhaps, be solved. And he who told me could speak on the subject with authority: for he is an expert in all that concerns children of every sort. He paused for a moment, and then added meditatively: "Why should not every woman who has the means wherewith to provide for a child, but has no child to provide for, adopt one instead of adopting a dog? For as things are she practically does adopt a dog. Think how much happier she would be, how much less lonely, had she a child to love and watch over than she is now with only a dog. Think how much more real interest she would find in life.—E. S. in "Westminster Gazette."

CHANGES IN THE INDIAN VICEREGAL COUNCIL.

At the request of the Viceroy, changes are likely to be made at an early date in the constitution of the Viceroyal Council, with a view to strengthening it so far as financial and commercial matters are concerned. Various names are being mentioned in this connection, and it may be believed that the subject was discussed recently when the Secretary of State for India was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace. There is reason for stating that the officials selected for appointment will have had experience in the Far East, particularly China and Japan.

Richard Harding Davis had an amusing experience while on a recent visit to England. While motoring through the country his party stopped to see an old church. The native guide was showing the party through, explaining all the points of interest after his own style. "In the far corner of this 'ere church," he said, "lies William the Conqueror; be- hind the organ, where yer chin's soo, are tombs of Guy Fawkes, Robin Hood, and Cardinal Wolsey. Now, sir," he added, addressing Davis, "does that 'ere guide book as I sees you 'ave in your 'and tell 'ee who's 'ere?" "No," replied Davis candidly; "the book says nothing of it, but I can guess." "Lippinot's Magazine."

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NEWS FROM HOME

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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ARE OUR SPORTSMEN ANGRY?

From several quarters just now the suggestion is coming that our sports are too much dominated by snobbery. The preparations for the Olympic Games are the central cause of this outbreak, for a little body of nobles, headed by the Duke of Westminster, has issued an appeal to the British public for £100,000, with which to prepare and equip the British team that will represent the Union Jack in the Berlin stadium. The accusation is based on several grounds. It is asserted that the poor but swift athletes have no chance of selection by the aristocrats who rule the roost and who are keen on "good form" and "high class." It is declared that too much fuss is made of the dainty competitors in the fancy events, while the real sturdy branches of athletics are neglected.

And the appeal, coming from the source it does, has jarred the actual men of muscle till several of them have spoken right out and declared that the noble signatories to the appeal could and should put up the money themselves. Mind, I am trying to give you the situation impartially, without colouring the question with any views I may have myself. But here are two specimens of the many statements by well known men.

Eugene Corbi, the famous boxing referee, declares that one of the chief reasons for England's failure at the last Olympic Games was the snobbery rampant among several of the athletic associations represented. "If we are to be represented again," he said, "it is essential that there must be one uniform definition of an amateur in all sports. The Amateur Rowing Association's rules, debarring mechanics, artisans, and labourers can only be described as disgusting. In boxing circles we take a much wider view, and deem an amateur every man who has never boxed for money. What a man's vocation may be never troubles us at all, so long as we know him to be a true sportsman. Probably the A.R.A. will say that rowing has nothing to do with boxing, and that accordingly they are entitled to place whoever barriers they choose around their sport. My reply would be that unless a better spirit of comradeship is created among all classes of sport we may as well at once bid farewell to all hopes of recovering the pre-eminent position in athletics that once was ours." The special reference to the rowing rules was brought out because there have been some very marked cases on the Thames of late, in which social distinctions have been drawn with remarkable sharpness, though the applicants for river honours were, in several instances, possessed of quite notable achievements.

Dr. Forbes Ross, the well known Harley Street specialist, is even more pronounced in his views. He says the appeal of the peers is "another cheeky attempt to rob the public in order to glorify the few. As a matter of fact cliques and snobbery so dominate English sport that I have long ceased to hope that any national advantage will ever again be derived from its pursuit. As for supremacy in the Olympic Games meaning a physical improvement in the race—tommy rot! Golf, tennis, football—one is as badly conducted as the other. All for the snobbish clique and a handful of haloes for a few kin pot heroes."

When well-known supporters of sport, and these not of the impetuous or low brow order, talk like this, it is no wonder that a week of endeavour has only produced about five per cent. of the desired money.

THE LABOURER'S WINDFALL

A drama in real life, with much of the elements that go to the making of a novel, has just been enacted in the north. Chapter one told how a labourer named William Tunstall had fallen on evil times, and was working as a pavior at Bolton when news came that his father-in-law, a man named Westwell, who had amassed a fortune in the pearl fisheries and silk industry of Australia, had died and left the meagre of streets something like £200,000. Mrs. Tunstall in the interval of years had died.

Chapter two told how Tunstall had set sail for Australia to take over his fortune. But hard upon his heels came sceptical tales from Australians, who doubted the existence of a silk industry as all and soiled at the size of this fortune from pearls.

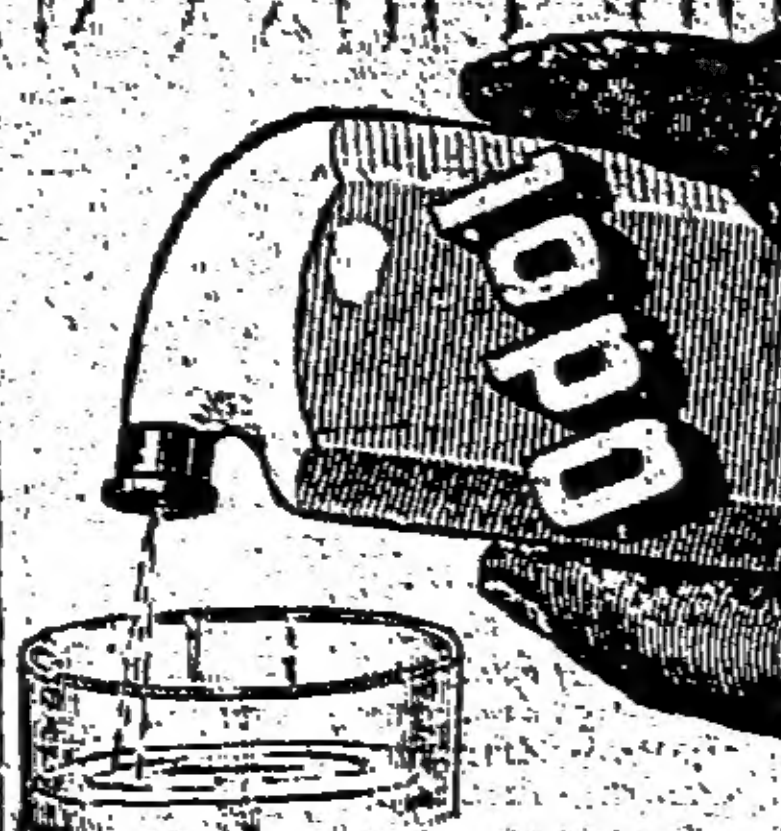
Chapter three was full of tragic touches, and first of all whistled the public interest by declaring that Tunstall had died at sea: then it gave illustrations of the man seated in deep depression on a seat at Liverpool mourning that he was ruined by his money. Finally the poor fellow was taken in charge by the sister. His brain has given way, and the mystery remains as to whether there really was any fortune at all and the news turned his mind, or whether the whole story was simply the product of his imagination.

A BOLD MISDEMEANOR

What is described in the papers as a most graceful matrimonial act "is attributed to a Wesleyan missionary in India. He wrote twice to the girl he was in love with, asking her to come out and marry him. The girl's aunt had the same name. She got the letter and said of it: 'The missionary says he has been' and then she married him. When she died, your afterwards, he married the girl."

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YUAN MEI-KAI'S WORK. A correspondent in the "Manchester Dispatch" writes: "There is a son of Yuan Shih-kai, the provisional Chinese President, who is now in this country for the purpose of being educated on British lines—or, rather, having their education completed. For the moment they have gone to Paris to 'see the sights,' but they will very shortly return for the start of the educational session. They speak English, but only a little. They are too old for a preparatory school, and, on the other hand, could hardly be sent to one of the larger institutions for boys, because their knowledge of the English language is insufficient. In all probability their education will be carried out under the supervision of the headmaster of Cheltenham College."

As in the case of nearly all young Chinese who come to this country, great attention will probably be paid to sports. Since there is a notable movement in China, particularly among the educated, in favour of open-air pastimes. Indeed, there is not a game, with but one or two exceptions, to which the modern Chinese youth is not taking. Football is very popular, and so is cricket, while the best player of lawn tennis at any treaty port is a Chinaman. Nowadays, too, Chinese athletes are quite ready to pit themselves against Europeans; they have competed in teams at Manila and elsewhere, and it is quite likely that they will be in evidence at the next Olympic Games at Berlin. Doubtless the love of sport is stimulated by the residence of so many Chinese in this country. The son of the present Chinese Minister, who is being educated at Berlin, is a fine cricketer.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Those who asserted that the work of the Salvation Army depended for its success entirely on the veteran General who passed to his rest last year, are not having their pessimism borne out by events. After a year of work, the new General, Bramwell Booth, reports advances all along the line. Among his triumphs he counts the sending of a hundred officers to the East. He declares the Army intends to run one of its biggest campaigns in China. Very likely he will be there himself in 1919, for after a whole host of foreign visits, he plans to be in Japan about that time.

Harold Book, the well-known writer, whose book "Broken Earthware" has had a wide circulation, has been commissioned to write the authoritative life of the late General Booth. He has been given full access to the necessary papers and diaries, and a mass of new material will thus be at his disposal. The work will be in two volumes and will probably be published in about a year's time.

YUAN'S SCORES

Nothing succeeds like success. There was a tendency among some of the papers here at home to sympathize with the Southern revolution in the struggle against the President, but the lack of progress made, and the slight success of the revolution, has changed the tone of the comments. The "Glasgow Herald" fairly represents the general view to-day. "It may have been, to the purists of the Young China Party, altogether unorthodox for a Protestant to write the life of the late General, but so far refrained from defining to rule China with a firmer hand than was ever shown by the departed dynasty. But those who perceive clearly enough that the country can only thrive by being freed from the shackles of a despotic, unscrupulous, and unscrupulous ruler, will not regret that Yuan Shih-kai displayed qualities of strength and determination. If he is compelled to be stern, implacable, and unrelenting, history will not judge him more severely than the circumstances warrant—provided always that he succeeds."

THE CHINESE MISDEMEANOR SOCIETY

The appeals of Lord William George Cecil and others, as to the special opportunity for effort in China, have without doubt been effective in stirring up people in general in supporting the funds for the Chinese Missionary Society. For although there was a heavy deficit in the society, and an appeal was made for £100,000, over £200,000 has already been received.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

There are those who declare that London is getting Paris. As the central capital of Europe, the British capital is the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's commerce, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's culture, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's science, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's art, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's literature, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's music, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's drama, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's religion, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's philosophy, and the most important in the world. It is the centre of the world's history, and the most important in the world. 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Soberly, and severely criticised in the Upper House by Lord Curzon. Every protest, however, was disregarded; and having sown the seeds of future trouble, we are now likely to reap the harvest. It is not quite clear how far the Mullah is implicated in the present disturbances. In one of his letters to the British Commissioner he described himself as "a man who may be poor, and small, and a coward, and oppressed, but who relies on God for mercy and victory." He has had his share of victory; and his boast, that if the British fought him again they would lose more men than they lost before, may not turn out to have been a vain one. It is therefore of the utmost importance to British interests that the Government's policy should undergo considerable modification with regard to Somaliland and that the recalcitrant Mullah should be taught a sharp and salutary lesson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Grana and family leave for Europe by the Shinyo Maru.

The Hon. Mr. Newton W. Gilbert, Acting Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, was successfully operated upon for acute appendicitis last week at the Philippine General Hospital.

Mr. G. D. Balcells has returned to Singapore. During the past four months he has been engaged in making a survey of Pratas Island, 180 miles from Hongkong, and will report on its phosphate deposits to a local syndicate.

Mr. F. Pereira, who was employed at the Treasury, Malacca, has been transferred to the Colonial Secretary's Office in Singapore on promotion. He has been replaced by Mr. O. Rodriguez, second son of Mr. A. A. Rodriguez, chief clerk to the Resident of Malacca.

Mr. F. H. Baines, late manager of the Bukit Lintang Estate, was charged before Mr. H. B. Ellerton at Kuala Kangsar with criminal breach of trust. There is alleged to be a deficiency of \$10,000 in his books. The accused was committed to trial at the Assizes, and the application of counsel that he should be tried at the Taiping Assizes, so as to give the accused ample time to prepare his defence, was noted.

Major H. L. Wigmore, U.S. Military Attaché at Tokyo, whose sudden death was recently reported, succumbed to appendicitis at Chuzenji. His illness was sharp and developed so quickly that, though the best advice was secured from Tokyo and Yokohama, the end came shortly before midnight. He was attended to the last by Mrs. Wigmore, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended in her sudden bereavement.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A case of plague from Portland Street, Kowloon, is the only one on today's return.

H.M.S. Cleo has sailed for Shanghai and H.M.S. Moorhen and the U.S.S. Callao for Canton.

A Chinese woman was charged at the Magistracy this morning by Inspector Munson with throwing a corrosive fluid at another woman. A formal remand was ordered.

The Hongkong brewery plant sold to Manila seems to be brewing trouble there, and the court will be asked for an injunction restraining its construction on the site purchased, the ground that it will constitute a nuisance.

The Straits Echo would like to know for pillory purposes the name of the legal firm in the F. M. S. which advertised in the Law Times for a qualified assistant at a salary of £170 a year. Our contemporary proposes: This is "sweating" of the worst description and as bad as the procedure of one well-known character in Kinta who used to get out "nice boys" as assistants on rubber estates at £20 or £25 a year and then leave the manager's wife to feed them out of pity.

We have received from the publishers a copy of the first number of the "D.S.O. Magazine," which will appear quarterly as the organ of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association. The magazine contains much news of interest concerning the school, and an interesting chronicle of its history. A register of old boys' addresses is a useful feature. We wish the new publication long and healthy life and success in its object; to keep in touch with one another and with their school past students of the D.S.O.

Education and a knowledge of this part of the world is evidently spreading in England to judge by the following address on a parcel received from a well-known printing-house in England:

Governments Monopolies Dept.,

Malaya.

Strait Settlements.

But hold! The writer may have been under the influence of fever at the time!

Malay Mail.

THE COCAINE CASE.

MAXIMUM PENALTIES IMPOSED.

Accused Fined \$4,000.

Mr. Orme gave his decision at the Magistracy today in the case in which Mr. G. L. Duncan, of Messrs. McEwen, Frickel and Cox was charged with being in possession of large quantities of cocaine and morphine, which were found concealed in sardine and starch tins on the firm's premises.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Goldring was for the defence.

THE JUDGMENT.

Mr. Orme said:—The facts of the case are as follows:—On the 23rd ult. two cases containing four hundred ounces of cocaine were carried out of the defendant's office; that in the passage way of the office there were stored a number of cases containing morphine some of which showed evidence of having been recently opened; in the strong room were two cases containing cocaine, and other tins full and empty with signs of the recent packing of cocaine and morphine in sardine and starch tins. The packing of the cocaine, in one of the two cases first discovered was completed by the addition of the number of boxes of photographic plates privately stored in defendant's office, and stated by him to be for his own personal use. The defendant himself accompanied Inspector Wilden round the premises, and gave him every assistance in opening and discovering everything in the office. At the end of the search, Inspector Wilden informed the defendant that he was going to arrest him. Defendant then went to see his comrade, and returned and said, according to Inspector Wilden, "I accept all responsibility" or, according to his own evidence, "In the meantime you will have to hold me responsible." The defendant was then charged, and the present case ensued.

The above facts have been given in evidence on behalf of the Crown, and for the defence evidence has been given of the storing and packing of the goods in question. This is to the effect that in the forenoon on the 21st of August the Canton compradore saw a certain party named, but not produced in Court, and arranged with him to store certain goods in the Hongkong office of the firm. He was in the office in the afternoon, and soon after five p.m. the same party appeared again and arranged with the Canton compradore for the immediate storage of the goods in question in the Hongkong office. Nothing was said by the Canton compradore to any responsible person in the office in the interval between the forenoon and five p.m., and at last when all was quiet the office boy on the Canton compradore's instructions let the strange parties and their goods into the shop by the back door. Packing went on between seven and nine on the 21st, and again on the 22nd ult., and then the goods were left—some in the strong room and some in the passage—in the condition before described. On Saturday at eleven a.m. two coolies carried out two of the cases and took them to the boarding house where they were seized.

I confess frankly that I am unable to believe the story that was told—that the Canton compradore, in the innocence of his heart, and absent-mindedly forgetting to mention this unusual circumstance during the day to the manager or to the compradore, did entrust the office boy with the authority to allow these outsiders to enter the premises and store goods therein; and having taken this unusual liberty, did not even stay to see the storage completed: that the office boy, with the connivance of this great responsibility upon him let the strangers in and then retired to the office each evening and read the paper, while the strange customers were allowed to penetrate to the back of the manager's desk in the corner of the office and help themselves to the photographic plates required for filling their cases.

All of this evidence I feel compelled to discard in looking for the facts of the case, and I am reduced to the facts shown in the prosecution together with the evidence of the defendant as to his ignorance of the whole proceedings. But the latter must be discounted by his admission, putting the most favourable construction that he must be held responsible in the meantime. It was unfortunately for the defendant that he was not prepared immediately and entirely to disavow all that responsibility for the machinations of his subordinate or offer to take entirely strange to him, which he now disavows so completely. Strangers had trespassed on his knowledge and left goods with which neither he nor his comrade claim any connection, and yet he admitted responsibility in the meantime, if not entirely. I am unwilling to believe that there could exist in the defendant's office such laxity as alone would admit of strangers entering his office and his strong room; and placing therein some sixteen or seventeen cases and packing therein those forbidden drugs, without the knowledge of himself or his comrade, but he has stated that such laxity did exist and I am unable to hold that it is quite out of the range of possibility for the defendant to ignore the doings in his office to the extent described by him; in other words, guilty knowledge on his part is not absolutely proved. I must, however, here comment on the evidence of the two compradores in the case, and state my opinion that there are two men whose meekness and negligence constitutes a scandal to their firm and a danger to the Colony. Of the office boy it would not be reasonable to expect that he should

not utilize his opportunities to the full, but I trust that steps will be taken to see that their powers for evil are effectually destroyed.

I have now to turn to the meaning of the words "possession, custody or power," and to decide whether any or all of these terms is applicable to the relation of the defendant to the tins which were stored in his office. Is the master liable for the presence of those illegal drugs on his premises, even without his knowledge? The common law requires the proof of mens rea in a criminal offence, but this condition has been modified in the case of Statutes directed to the protection of the public, or even of the revenue of the State. I believe the Ordinance under which this prosecution is brought to be directed to both these ends, and in the very highest degree to the protection of the public from certain deadly and pernicious drugs. I believe that with this aim in view the Legislature has intended to guard against such drugs being kept in anyone's possession, in the widest sense which they could express, leaving duty to the Magistrate the duty of assessing the degree of guilt implied by possession in any particular case. I believe that it would be a travesty of the Legislature's intention in framing these Ordinances to divest a manager of the responsibility for the storage of such drugs on his premises, and the storage, especially not in bottles, or even boxes, but in such enormous quantities as were found in the premises of the defendant in this case. I have therefore to convict the defendant. Lastly, as to the degree of guilt involved in this breach of the law, which the defendant has stated to be due to circumstances out of his control. On this point, it is necessary to consider not merely the legal, nor merely the moral side of the question, but also whether the defendant has used all the care and diligence in the conduct of his business, and the supervision of his staff and his office, which was humanly possible to prevent the introduction of this most serious public evil. A coolie convicted as in the former case referred to for carrying about a drug whose possession rendered him liable to the severest penalties might elicit our sympathy, and the absence of mens rea would count for much in mitigating the penalty. But, in this case, we have an intelligent and well-to-do European merchant, thoroughly conversant with the ways and the dangers of the trade in morphine and cocaine, yet ignorant to prevent the use of his own personal offices for this extensive business in these drugs—a business which, on his own statement, may have been carried on time after time almost before his very eyes. I can find no excuse for such gross apathy, and in fining the defendant I must say that the penalties provided by the law are no real measure of the gravity of this offence. The defendant will be fined the maximum penalty of \$2,000 on each charge.

The Crown Solicitor applied for the forfeiture of the drugs seized to the Crown.

Mr. Orme assented to this course.

THE BAKERS' FLOODS.

The Benevolent Societies of Canton have been diligent in examining into the destruction wrought by the recent floods in the province, and those representing them have been distributing rice and other articles to those in distress. As we have previously indicated, the Shun Tai and the Sun Tai districts were affected most seriously, and the destruction was all the greater because the very high waters coincided with the typhoon, so that the embankments were subjected to a test not frequently brought to bear upon them. The reports of the Commissioners agree in toto with what has already been reported as to the severity of the calamity. In some places it is said the inhabitants have quite deserted the villages where once they lived, and of the villages themselves nothing remains. The poverty of some of the survivors is said to be very distressing, and they were very grateful for the assistance that was brought to them. It is reported that in many of the areas it is not possible to plant the second rice crop, and so far there will be a permanent loss to the people. The Commissioners seem to have gone about their work in a business-like way, and were willingly assisted by official steam launches whilst they themselves were provided with a launch so that they might move from place to place as quickly as possible. We see in all this how great is the improvement, compared with earlier days which we remember, when travel was slow and no telegraphs were available for sending on messages to the centre. Now the news of anything special can be forwarded at once from many centres, and steam launches will take people to the scene of trouble in a few hours. A good deal of rice has been distributed. In fact, on this particular occasion of which the reports before us more than fifty thousand catties were handed over to the local councils of the villages whose duty it would be to see that it was fairly distributed, and given to those who needed it most.

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CANTON CONSPIRATORS SHOT.

ATTEMPTING TO RAISE A SECOND REVOLUTION.

CANTON, Sept. 16.

Chan King Wah, Superintendent of Police, together with Luan Kwang Wah, brother of the former Tutuh of Canton, who declared the city's independence, and Chan Chung Pan, were shot yesterday afternoon at Canton by order of General Lung, the Tutuh of Canton.

The charge against the men was that they were engaged in "preparing a second revolution." Strong proof of their guilt is stated to have been brought against them.

KWANGTUNG NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General yesterday:

Manila, 4.20 p.m. September 15.
Cyclone or Typhoon E. of northern Luzon, less than 300 miles distant moving W.N.W.

The following telegram was received today:

Manila, 10.15 a.m., September 16.
Cyclone or Typhoon near or over Aparri moving W. or W.N.W.

AN OPIUM SEIZURE.

OPIUM FARMER'S APPLICATION.

At the Magistracy this morning before Mr. Orme, Mr. Hoggarth applied for the opium concerned in a case in which a man was fined \$2,000 yesterday, to be handed over to the opium farmer.

Mr. King, Asst. Supt. of Police, said the police had seized the opium, which was the usual procedure in these cases.

Mr. Hoggarth stated that this was the first case of the kind under a new Section of the Opium Ordinance. The opium farmer did not want the Government to interfere with his monopoly.

Mr. Hoggarth's application was granted.

MR. SOTTO AND THE PHILIPPINES NEW GOVERNOR.

Vicente Sotto has been advised from Manila not to go to Japan to welcome the new Governor-General. A number of Filipinos now in this city intend to make the trip and Sotto was to go with them, but it has been recommended that he stay in Hongkong as it is feared that his presence would be detrimental to the interests of those who desire to create a good impression with Mr. Harrison. Mr. Sotto has declared his intention of pleasing himself in this matter and is determined to go.—Cable News.

FATHER AND SON AS RIVALS.

FATAL DUEL OVER A FARM GIRL.

PARIS, Aug. 12.
A remarkable duel between a farmer named Blanchard and his son Jean is reported from the village of Busiere, near Abooson.

Both were in love with the same girl, a worker on the farm, and the encounter was to decide who should have her, the girl being willing to abide by the result. Six bullets were exchanged without result, and then father and son agreed to fight with knives. The son, being the more agile, avoided his opponent's blow, and stabbed his father to the heart, who fell down at the girl's feet. The parried has been arrested, but declares that his father fully impaled himself on the knife.

A WALK ROUND THE WORLD.

Captain Malpas, of New York, who is walking round the world for a wager, called at the Mansion House recently and gave a narration of his journey to Alderman Sir John Knill, the acting Lord Mayor.

He said he had traversed North and South America, Australasia, and Africa, and was now on his way to John O'Groats, whence he intended to cross to Ireland, and that he would then proceed across the Continent and Asia. The walk would be completed when he arrived at Bombay. In reply to Sir John Knill's inquiries, he stated that on one occasion he was attacked by a lion and on another was for some days without food in the desert. The walk, he added, began in January, 1911, and was to end in March, 1914. Captain Malpas produced books containing the records of his journey and said it was his intention to present a copy to the British Museum. Sir John Knill wrote an entry of Captain Malpas's visit to the Mansion House.

Lieutenant Dumas, an ex-army officer, on August 12, made a successful cross-channel flight with an aeroplane working by a new invention. The chief feature of the new machine is its automatic stability which renders a side slip impossible. During its trial trips the machine flew a considerable distance without the manipulation of the controls. The "Daily Mail" states that Lieutenant Dumas, after making several successful tests of his machine in 1908, negotiated with the War Office for the sale of his patent rights, but without success. He subsequently sold his secret to France. The British War Office has now placed orders for the construction of two Dumas biplanes.

Among the many papers read at the recent Medical Congress, that by Dr. Wu Lien Teh, on the origin of the outbreak of pneumonic plague in Manchuria, received less attention than it deserved, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Dr. Wu, as the result of careful investigations, stated that the epidemic was due to marmosets. He found some indications that marmosets are susceptible to plague, and occasionally infected but the real outcome of his inquiries, that plague apparently exists in an endemic form in certain parts of the territories south of the Chinese Empire, and that marmosets are the carriers of the disease. Dr. Wu also stated that marmosets are found in the vicinity of the plague-stricken areas, and that they are the only animals found there which are susceptible to the disease. He also stated that marmosets are found in the vicinity of the plague-stricken areas, and that they are the only animals found there which are susceptible to the disease.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TERRIBLE GAS EXPLOSION.
HOUSE BLOWN INTO THE AIR.

London, Sept. 16.
A telegram from Coburg states that a terrific gas explosion occurred during the search for the leak in the street.
A neighbouring house was blown bodily into the air and six families buried.
Firemen and troops extricated a number of the victims from the burning debris.
Ten persons are still missing.

GERMAN SOCIALIST PARTY.
HEINR. BEBEL'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Sept. 16.
A telegram from Berlin states that the heads of the Socialist Party have selected Herr Fritz Ebert to succeed the late Herr Bebel as leader of the Party.
The choice is subject to ratification at a meeting of the Party.

THE PEARL NECKLACE
MYSTERY.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

London, Sept. 16.
The trial of the man charged with the theft of the now famous pearl necklace has been resumed. Mr. Price, representing a firm of insurance assessors acting on behalf of Lloyd's, testified that two days after the reward of ten thousand pounds was offered, he received a letter from Quadrastein and Brandtatter. Mr. Price subsequently supplied an expert jeweller named Spanier with ten marked-one thousand franc notes. Eight of these were found in possession of one of the prisoners.

THE LABOUR DISTURBANCES
AT HOME.

London, Sept. 15.
The civic authorities of Manchester and Salford are mediating with the dockers, and it is hoped that their efforts will lead to a settlement. Upwards of 1,500 are affected.
A strike at Messrs. Moulders, Sheffield, on the non-Unionist question, it is feared, will be protracted. The idle number many thousands.
The motor-bus drivers and conductors in London are threatening to come out owing to one of the Companies suspending 12 employees for wearing Union badges.

RAILWAYMEN'S LEADER CON-
DEMNS SECTIONAL STRIKES.

A speech of the Railwaymen's leader, Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., in which he condemned sympathetic and sectional strikes, "leading to anarchy," has attracted considerable attention. It is believed to refer to the irresponsible strike threats of railwaymen in various districts.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS
IN DUBLIN.

The whole trade of Dublin is paralysed today. Prices of commodities are soaring and huge riots are feared. All the big carrying firms have ceased operations and have sent their horses to the country.
The strike leader Connolly who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment has been released as he refused food for nine days. Forcible feeding was not attempted by the prison authorities.
The builders' labourers of Dublin have joined in the strike, five thousand men being affected.

NEW YORK MURDER
REVELATION.CATHOLIC PRIEST'S AMAZING
CONFESSION.

London, Sept. 15.
A sensation has been caused in New York through a German Catholic priest named Schmidt confessing to the murder of a servant girl, whose dissected body was recently found in the Hudson River. He says that when it was found that the girl's condition rendered concealment of their relations impossible he killed her, "because he loved her."
Schmidt was traced owing to a pillow wrapped round the girl's torso, which was identified by a shopkeeper as having been sold to the priest.
It appears that Schmidt went through a form of secret marriage with the deceased girl.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE DUBLIN INDUSTRIAL
TROUBLE.MESSRS. TILLINGS AND THEIR
EMPLOYEES.

London, Sept. 16.
Tillings, the well-known Bus Company, deny that men have been suspended. The Company decline to recognise the Union.

JAPANESE CRUISERS FOR
NANKING.RENEWAL OF JAPANESE
AGITATION.

Tokyo, Sept. 16.
Two Japanese cruisers have been ordered from Sasebo to Nanking. The public and Press apparently regard the demands made by the Japanese Government of China as insufficiently drastic, and efforts are being made to renew the anti-Chinese agitation. Mass meetings are being arranged.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

STILL TO THE FOREFRONT.

London, Sept. 15.
Lord Loreburn's letter is still kept in the forefront by the newspapers. The Unionist papers give prominence to the prolonged audience given to Mr. Bonar Law by the King at Balmoral, after the Unionist leader had conferred with Lord Lansdowne at the latter's Scottish seat, and they declare that an election or a Referendum must precede a Conference.

The Daily Telegraph says that when civil war is in the near prospect surely the nation may demand the right to say whether it approves of a policy bringing civil war to pass. It would be wrong to attribute political significance to the visit of Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Curzon to Balmoral. The arguments of some of our leading contemporaries regarding a possible Royal action are unwise, because if once a Constitutional monarch seeks other than Ministerial guidance how will it be possible to know whose was the advice on which the King took action.

The Standard discusses the possibility of the King taking the initiative and calling a Conference, which, it says, would raise no question of Constitutional usage such as was involved in the recent suggestions that the Royal assent to the Home Rule Bill should be refused.
The Morning Post endorses Sir Edward Carson's speech and says that when he declared that a Conference must be abortive, he was speaking not only for the Irish Loyalists but for the vast majority of the party.

The Daily Chronicle says that Sir Edward Carson has "hanged, barred, and bolted" the door on Lord Loreburn's proposals. Mr. Asquith's duty is to go straight forward and set up in Ireland a system of government "broad-based upon the people's will."

The Daily News says that the Government will keep the door open to a reasonable compromise, but will not yield to intimidation, and will not insult the country by asking again if it meant what it said in 1910.

THE NATIONALISTS' ATTITUDE.

Mr. J. Devlin, M.P., speaking at Listowel said that the Nationalists were ready to give any concession short of sacrificing Ireland's nationhood, but he did not believe the talk about settlement by consent was sincere. Its real object was to destroy Home Rule.

LIBERALS DECLINE TO BE
INTIMIDATED.

The "Westminster Gazette" emphatically declines a dissolution, and says that Liberals absolutely refuse to be intimidated by Sir Edward Carson's unloaded revolver. The journal is of opinion that a change of government in Ireland is necessary is a proof that the Unionist stalwarts are already shifting ground.

A HOME RULE CAMPAIGN.

The Home Rule Council announces that they are rapidly completing an extensive autumn campaign in England in conjunction with Liberal Associations. Mr. John Redmond and other Nationalists will tour the country supported by Liberal M.P.s. The Council asserts that the campaign will convince the electorate that in the absence of an alternative proposal, it is in the interests of the Empire that the Bill should pass, but promptly adds that it is disposed to agree with Sir Edward Carson's view that Lord Loreburn's proposal is impracticable.

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DEATH OF PROFESSOR
VAMBERY.

London, Sept. 16.
A telegram from Buda Pesth announces the death of Professor Arminius Vambery, C.V.O., professor of Oriental languages at Pesth University, and an authority on the literature, ethnography and linguistics of Central Asia.

SPORTING.

Water Polo.

V.R.C. v. GARRISON XI.

This was the second of a series of three games arranged to be played. The Garrison through a misunderstanding were without several of their best men; Sewall and Rodriguez filling two places at the last minute.
Teams: V.R.C.—J. Forbes; R. C. Wicheell, A. V. Barrow; A. A. Claxton; J. C. Finch; J. M. Peruvia; A. S. Ellis; Garrison XI.—Corpl. Brown, R.E.; Doubré; Court, R.G.A.; C. Rodriguez; Corpl. Morrish, R.E.; G. W. Sewall; Sapper Collins, R.E.; Gunner Buckland, R.G.A.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Alves.
Play opened in favour of the civilians, Peruvia being close to the mark with a shot that swept the post. Finch tricked Morrish and went close in but Brown saved and later conceded a corner to Barrow. Pilly was evenly contested, the Garrison men putting up a good show. Buckland and Sewall made a good attempt but were frustrated by Wicheell and Claxton who were excellent in defence and attack. A nice pass by Rodriguez to Morrish gave the latter a chance of swimming right into goal where Col. line obtained and opened the scoring with a good shot. On resuming Peruvia netted but had received in the two yards area, the goal net counting. Finch and Claxton made fine attempts to equalise before the interval when the score was:—
Garrison XI. 1
V.R.C. 0

The second half opened in favour of the military. Morrish passed neatly to Court who tried a long one that Forbes saved. Sewall gave Collins an opening but pressed by Wicheell he shot wide. Rodriguez twice robbed Peruvia when near goal. The civilians were now playing up strongly and following a corner Rodriguez sent Peruvia below when not in possession, and from the resultant penalty Peruvia equalised the scores. Good play by Sewall gave Collins another chance but he was off the mark. Two fine efforts by Morrish and Morrish secured a clear passage towards goal when fouled by Finch. At the corner and Wicheell forced a corner and Ellis hit the post but it was left to Finch to put his side ahead with a fine backhand. Immediately restarting Ellis received from Claxton and scored with a good shot. Peruvia scored the fourth and last just before time. Results:—
V.R.C. 4
Garrison XI. 1

The next game between these teams will be played on Wednesday at 6.30, when the Garrison will be at full strength. The public are invited to witness the match.

Association Football.

In a friendly match at the Dockyard yesterday evening, H.M.S. Clío beat H.M.S. Cadmus by three goals to nil.

Interport Polo.

The first of the interport polo matches between the Hongkong and Shanghai teams takes place at 4.45 on Thursday on the Causeway Bay ground. The game will be one of four 8 minute chukkas, and Hongkong will be represented by Major Hall, R.A. (back), Major Dickinson, D.C.L.I., 8; Capt. Edye, D.C.L.I., 2; and Lieut. Blades, D.C.L.I. The match will decide the ownership for a year of the Kewick Cup, and will be refereed by Major McHardy.

Polo Gymkhana.

For the polo gymkhana to be held on the Race Course on Saturday the following programme has been arranged:—
Tent pegging in pairs. One competitor with lance, the other with a sword.
Two runs.
Polo pony scurry.—Two furlongs. Catch weights 198lb.
Ladies' nomination race.—Round two posts and in. Polo ponies. About 300 yards. Catch weights 198lb.
Handicap open to all China ponies.—Six furlongs.
Hurdle race open to all China ponies.—Catch weights 154lb. One round.
Bending race.—Ladies' nomination.
Pulley stakes.—Second Kewick post the post win. Polo ponies. Catch weights 198lb. Three furlongs.
A small cup or prize will be given for each event. Entries close to Lieut. Blades on Thursday.
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BIRTH MARKS.

Popular Theory of Maternal Impressions.

EXPERIMENTS WANTED.

Two widely-spread "beliefs"—in regard to the complicated and not generally familiar subject of the reproduction of animals—are examples of the unjustified and primitive mode of forming a conclusion known as "post hoc ergo propter hoc." These are, firstly, the belief in the causation of what are called "birth-marks" by maternal impressions, by which is meant the seeing of unusual and impressive things by the mother when with child, and, secondly, the belief that a thorough-bred mare can be so affected or infected by the sire (say a roan) of one foal as to convey to the foal of a later sire (say, a thorough-bred like herself) marks, such as stripes on the legs which were not present in the first sire, though present in the second, or "telegony" and is by some persons supposed to occur in dogs, cattle, and other animals, including man, as well as in the horse.
There is a little supported in ordinary experience for the belief that birth-marks are caused by maternal impressions that few persons hold it, although a many of those who are concerned in a professional way with breeding operations cling to it. In very ancient times we find that there was a belief in it, as shown by the story of the patriarch Jacob, who, wishing to obtain the birth of spotted or parti-coloured lambs from a herd of sheep, placed in front of his breeding ewes stakes or rods from which he had removed the bark in rings, so as to make them parti-coloured. He was supposed to have been successful in the way in impressing the visual sense of the material ewes with "parti-coloured" and the belief was that they consequently produced spotted or parti-coloured lambs. The belief though not general, is widespread among simple folk, and such influences can and do act on animals, and it has been, and is by some, similarly held that a human mother may be influenced by surrounding objects, so that if her surroundings are beautiful she will produce a beautiful child. There is absolutely no ground for this belief—based upon experiment. It is merely an unreasoning assumption of "after this therefore because of this," based upon the incomplete observation of a few accidental cases of vague coincidence and a temerarious clinging to the belief that it is not so. No trustworthy investigation or experiment on the subject is on record.

THE LOVE OF MARKS.

But this unwarranted, untested belief, originating among barbarous peoples, has led further owing to the inveterate love of marvel among the ignorant, to the notion (surviving to the present day) that the irregular coloured or "obscure" marks sometimes found on the skin of a child at birth, and vaguely resembling an animal or a fruit, or what not, are due to the mother having recently seen, under some sudden and startling circumstances, the object which the "birth mark" on the child resembles. Thus we have the following stories related by a recent writer ("Six Antagonisms," by Walter Heape, F.R.S.), who is anxious to maintain that the influence of such "maternal impressions" is appreciably possible—a matter of comparatively small importance, since the real question is not as to the "possibility," but simply (as in a whole series of beliefs as to more or less improbable occurrences) whether there is or is not sufficient evidence that the connection and influence believed in actually exist.
Mr. Heape relates the supposed case of a roan "mark" like a lizard found on a newborn child's breast being "produced" by the fall of a lizard from the ceiling (the event happened in China) on to its mother's breast shortly before the child's birth. "Another case is that of a woman whose husband was brought home from work with his arm lacerated afterwards and is stated to have had marks on one arm 'similar to' those the mother saw on the corresponding arm of her husband. Another case is that of a lady who had a great craving for raspberries before her child was born, and accordingly bore a child with a red raspberry mark on its body!"

ONLY HEARSAY.

These and similar stories are related to-day, and such stories have been related from time immemorial. But they are always "hearsay." The witnesses and the facts are never carefully examined, and the degree of closeness of the agreement between the mark and its supposed cause are never really demonstrated. Nor has anyone undertaken a statistical examination with the view of showing that the vague agreement of the mark with the supposed object seen by the mother is anything more than an accidental coincidence, or (in regard to many such stories) that the mother really did see or notice any such terrifying object as she afterwards declares, and possibly thinks she did. Moreover, no one has carefully and scientifically made practical experiments with animals, similar to that of the patriarch Jacob. The experiments and their record would not be difficult with animals. Though some farmers may believe that such influences do operate on their breeding dams, there is no known or recognized application of Jacob's method to the production of desired form or colour in domesticated animals. We are not concerned with "possibilities." What is needed is a series of demonstrative experiments, or critical tests. And these are, as yet, not forthcoming. Sir Ray Lankester, in "The

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THE LION OF ANDROCLES.

MR. SHAW'S NEW PLAY.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

On Monday week Mr. George Bernard Shaw's new play "Androcles and the Lion" is to be produced at the St James's Theatre; and the newspapers are of course full of puff preliminary. It would be unfair to accuse the dramatist of booming himself, for the journals are only too anxious to boom him, especially just at this time, when we are in the midst of the first "big gooseberry" season we have had for years.

For months we are told Mr. Shaw has been studying lions at the Zoo. The part of the lion is to be taken by Mr. Edward Sillward, the actor who has for seven years been taking the part of Nanki, the famous dog in "The Zoo." By diligent practice," says the Daily News' interviewer, "Mr. Sillward has learned to roar like a lion to the complete satisfaction of Mr. Shaw, who has made himself as good a judge of a lion as Sir J. M. Barry is of a dog."

THE SECRET OF THE PLOT.

As to what "Androcles and the Lion" is all about Mr. Bernard Shaw is zealously guarding the secret; and the interviewers have to be content with what they can get out of Mr. Sillward, and even he would show no more than the lion's tail. Mr. Sillward states that he has been on all fours for the past six weeks and has been practising the roar on a city roof, but nothing has been heard of a scene about a lion. He has visited the Zoo in company with the famous author of the play and has compared notes with him while the lions have paced their cages.

MILLIONS LOST AT SEA.

The losses of Lloyd's and the marine insurance companies as a result of the shipping disasters during the first seven months of the year is estimated at £2,577,000. There were 3,375 accidents of all kinds, collisions, being responsible for £1,108,000, loss of cargo for £912,000, and weather damage for £334,000. No fewer than 138 vessels, 36 British and 102 foreign, aggregating 220,968 tons, were totally lost.

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To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

FRIDAY,

the 13th September, 1913, at 11 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of

Los House Street.

A Large Number of Pairs of Lady's

and Gents Boots and Shoes.

"ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAKE"

AND SUITABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE.

Terms—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 16, 1913. 1119

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

THURSDAY,

the 25th September, 1913, at 2.45 p.m.,

at No. 82A, The Peak.

THE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Etc.,

herein contained,

including Tennis Net and Poles, Plants

in Pots, and Sundry Silver Ware.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view from 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Terms—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 16, 1913. 1115

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

BRISBANE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CORLENZ.

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are

hereby informed that their Goods, with the

exception of Opium, Firearms and Val-

ables, are being landed and stored at their

risk into the hazardous and/or extra haz-

ardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kow-

loon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence

delivery may be obtained.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded or

unpacked in the morning if requested by the

consignee before noon to-day requesting it to

be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the

goods have left the Godowns, and all goods

remaining undelivered after the 23rd of

September will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns where they

will be examined on the 23rd of September.

At 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 1st

of October, 1913, or they will not be

recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Underigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELBOURNE & CO.

General Agents.

Hongkong, Sept. 16, 1913. 1120

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER

REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1913.—A.M.

Station.

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Barometer.

Thermometer.

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

September 15

Glenholloch, British steamer, 1,434, W.

L. Gardner, Singapore Sept. 9, General.

Chinchee.

Africa, Austrian steamer, 8,890, Ivanofch

Nicolai, Shanghai September 11, General.

Sibiria, W. V. & Co.

Dingyudi, British str., 1,396, F. Jones,

Cardiff July 8, Coal—M. B. K.

Kama Jelen, German steamer, 1,103, S.

Bendixen, Bangkok and Swatow Sept. 14,

Rive—Chinchee.

September 16.

Coblenz, German str., 3,190, L. Klugkist

Sydney August 23, and Manila Sept. 13,

General—M. B. K.

Tosai Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,810, T.

Sato, Calcutta and Singapore Sept. 9,

General—N. Y. K. Line.

Yamaguchi, British steamer, 1,123, E.

W. Schenk, Manila Sept. 13, General—

JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., Ltd.

Daiyu Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,735,

Okura, Wakamatsu September 10, Coal—

M. R. G. K.

Nyansa, British steamer, 4,183, H. N.

Rivers, R.N.R. Fochow Sept. 14, Gen-

eral—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

September 16.

Haiman, for Swatow.

Carl Dietrichsen, for Takao.

Kunze, for Canton.

Triumph, for Swatow.

Elizabeth, for Amoy.